Chairman & Managing Director, Industrial Development Bank of India, he is required to obtain prior permission of the Central Government before accepting any commercial employment, including directorship of companies, within two years of demitting office on retirement on superannuation, expiry of tenure, resignation or any other reason.

New Currency notes issued by RBI

2250. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether one packet each of Rs. 1,2 and 5of new currency notes are being issued by the Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi to members of public on occasions of marriage and other social functions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether M.Ps are also being issued new packets of Rs. 1, 2 and 5 of new currency notes for their family functions by R.B.I., New Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is a very small and limited stock of fresh note packets of Rs. 5/- available with Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi Office. Such notes are issued in very small quantities under special authorisation through one special counter by New Delhi Office.

(e) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines Office at Lahore in Pakistan damaged by extremists

2251. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines Office at Lahore, Pakistan was attacked and damaged by extremists on 30th October, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assessment of actual damage caused and also action taken/proposed to be taken to take up the matter with Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) On 31.10.1995 a group of about 40 miscreants armed with sticks, forcibly entered the Indian Airlines office in Lahore and smashed the front and rear doors and glass windows. No personnel was hurt.

(c) The damage caused is about Rs. 35,000/-. Government have lodged a protest with Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels expressing serious concern at the attack. It has been emphasized that Government of Pakistan must provide necessary protection to Indian Airlines office to prevent recurrence of such incidents. Pakistan has informed that the concerned authorities have been instructed to take the necessary security measures.

Prices of Cotton

2252. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the average prices of cotton during the last three years;

(b) whether cotton will be imported this year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The weighted average prices of raw cotton during the last